PART IV

Section 1-A

CENTRAL BILLS AND REPORTS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEES THEREON

NOTIFICATION.

(LAW DEPARTMENT).

No. LAW 43 LCA 65, Bangalore, dated 10th May 1965.

In pursuance of the adoption of a motion by the Rajya Sabha that the Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 1963 by Shri Diwan Chaman Lall, M. P., be circulated for the purpose of eliciting opinion thereon by the 31st December 1965, it is hereby ordered that the said Bill be published along with the Statement of Objects and Reasons for General information.

Any person or public body desirous of submitting opinion on the provisions of the Bill, may send the same in quadruplicate to the Secretary to Government, Law Department, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore-1, before the *15th November, 1965* for being forwarded to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

It is requested that opinion, if any, should not be submitted direct to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat or to any Ministry of the Government of India.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

H. K. ANANTHASUBBA RAO,
Under Secy. to Govt., L.D.

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Bill No IV of 1963

THE INDIAN PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1963.

By

DIWAN CHAMAN LALL, M. P.

(As introduced in the Rajya Sabha)

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further to amend the Indian Penal Code.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Fourteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. Short title.—This Act may be called the Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Act, 1963.

2. Insertion of new section 293A.—After section 293 of the Indian Penal Code, (Act 45 of 1860) the following section shall be inserted, namely :—

"293A. Nothing contained in section 292 or section 293 shall apply to any book, pamphlet, writing, drawing, painting, representation or figure meant for public good or for *bona fide* purposes of science, literature, art or any other branch of learning :

Provided that in the event of any dispute arising as to the nature of the publication, the opinion of experts on the subject may be admitted as evidence."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

Under the present sections 292 and 293 of the Indian Penal Code, there is a danger of publications meant for public good or for *bona fide* purposes of science, literature, art or any other branch of learning being declared as obscene literature as there is no specific provision in the Act for exempting them from the operation of those sections. This Bill seeks to remove that lacuna so as to bring the law into conformity with modern practice in other civilised countries.

DIWAN CHAMAN LALL,

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